

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Sean P. Selover et al.

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INVASIVE SPINAL FIXATION ELEMENT
PLACEMENT

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated February 21, 2007. The Examiner requires restriction of the above-referenced application to one of the following inventions:

Group I: claims 1-17, drawn to a method; and

Group II: claims 18-24, drawn to a tool.

Applicants elect the Group I claims (claims 1-17). Accordingly, claims 18-24 are withdrawn from consideration. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicants if such communication is deemed to expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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